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DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT ENVIRONMENT WITH A PLURALITY OF
CONFIGURATION VERSIONS

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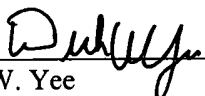
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☒ 6 Pages of Claims (Claims 1 – 20)
☒ 3 Sheet(s) of formal drawings
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3. Patent Application (15 pgs. spec. & abstract, 6 pgs. Claims 1 - 20);
4. 3 pages of formal drawings;
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8. Two return postcards.